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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2007, which provides for a response period ending March 18, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: